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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the requests filed September 25, 2007 and November 13, 2007, which are being treated as a request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) to add the second assignee's name to the issued patent.

The request is **DISMISSED**.

37 CFR 3.81(a) permits the patent to issue to the assignee, provided that, at the time the issue fee is paid, the name of an assignee is provided. 37 CFR 3.81(b) permits the patent to issue in the name of an assignee if the assignment was submitted after payment of the issue fee but *prior to issuance of a patent*. Patent and Trademark Office assignment records disclose that an assignment to "Stockhausen GmbH & Co. KG" was recorded on September 7, 2007, after the date of issuance of this patent.

Accordingly, since the assignment was not submitted for recordation until after issuance of this patent, issuance of a certificate of correction would not be proper. See MPEP Section 307.

Inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206.

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¹ See Official Gazette of June 22, 2004